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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, FI
SUBJECT: REQUEST INFO RELATED TO MONTREAL REVISION OF WARSAW
CONVENTION

REF: STATE 155712

1. NATIONAL
BOARD OF AVIATION OFFICIAL ASSURES US INFORMALLY
THAT FINNISH ATTITUDE TOWARD RATIFICATION OF MONTREAL
PROTOCOL 3 IS POSITIVE. BOARD, WHICH STRONGLY FAVORS FINNISH
ADHERENCE, HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MFA, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE,
AND FINNAIR AND FOUND NO OBSTACLE. FINNISH ATTITUDE IS REIN-
FORCED BY KNOWLEDGE THAT SWEDEN, NORWAY AND DENMARK ARE SIMILARLY
FAVORABLY INCLINED. FINNS HOWEVER, LIKE MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES, INTEND TO AWAIT US RATIFICATION BEFORE PROCEEDING
WITH OWN RATIFICATION.

2. BOARD OFFICIAL, WHO WAS MEMBER OF FINNISH DELEGATION
TO MONTREAL CONFERENCE, RECALLS THAT HEAD OF DELEGA-
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TION WAS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN PROTOCOL AT CONFERENCE
BUT DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO BECAUSE HE HAD TO
LEAVE TO ATTEND OTHER DUTIES. FMA HAS SUBSEQUENTLY
NOT FAVORED SIGNATURE ON GROUNDS THAT SIGNATURE
HAS NO LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE, ACCORDING TO BOARD
OFFICIAL.

3. WE ARE COMMUNICATING IN WRITING TO BOARD OFFICIAL
TO ELICIT WRITTEN EXPRESSION OF GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS THAT HE HAS
OFFERED TO TRY TO PROVIDE. HOWEVER CONSULTATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT
IN PREPARING WRITTEN RESPONSE UNLIKELY TO BE COMPLETED
BEFORE SEPTEMBER IN VIEW OF SUMMER VACATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO BOARD OFFICIAL, FINNISH POSITION
REGARDING PROTOCOL 4 IS NOT AS CLEAR AT THIS TIME.
THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF THE PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF
PROVIDING ABSOLUTE, I.E., COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY
CONCERNING FREIGHT IN PROTOCOL 4 WHEREAS LIABILITY
FOR PASSENGERS WOULD BE LIMITED UNDER PROTOCOL 3.
ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN THE SAME
CONCERN HAS BEEN RAISED AND FINNISH PARLIAMENT COULD
FIND DIFFICULTY IN APPROVING RATIFICATION IN VIEW
OF CONCERNS IN OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED
THE VIEW HOWEVER THAT IF PROTOCOLS 3 AND 4 RATIFIED
BY US. FINNISH PARLIAMENT WOULD EVENTUALLY RATIFY
4. PERHAPS WITH LAPSE OF TIME AFTER RATIFICATION OF

3.
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